

**REMARKS**

Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

By this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 21-47, without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 48-57.

Applicants submit that the instant amendments are supported by the specification (see, e.g., page 2, lines 27- 34, page 3, line 34- page 4, line 31, page 5, lines 8-33, and page 6, lines 8-26).

Applicants submit that pending claims 48-57 are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art of record. Thus, Applicants request prompt allowance of pending claims 48-57.

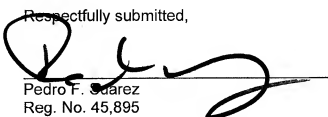
**CONCLUSION**

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper.

Applicant is concurrently filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination with the requisite fee, authorization for a credit card payment of the filing fee is submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference No. 39700-528C01US/NC15271US. If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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